

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

C O P Y
 NOV 17 2006
 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
 Applicant : George P. Teitelbaum
 App. No : 10/688,135
 Filed : October 17, 2003
 For : PERCUTANEOUS
VERTEBRAL
FUSION SYSTEM
 Examiner : Jerry L. Cumberledge
 Art Unit : 3733

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

11-14-06

(Date)

Rabinder N. Narula, Reg. No. 53,371

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

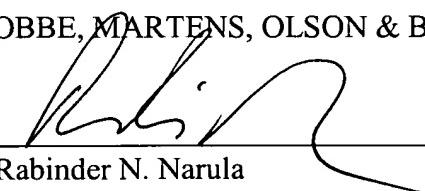
Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 4 references to be considered by the Examiner.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 11-14-06

By: 

Rabinder N. Narula
 Registration No. 53,371
 Attorney of Record
 Customer No. 20,995
 (949) 760-0404

11/20/2006 MBELETE1 00000024 111410 10688135
 01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

3104131
111006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application No.	10/688,135
		Filing Date	October 17, 2003
		First Named Inventor	George P. Teitelbaum
		Art Unit	3733
17 2006 (Multiple sheets used when necessary)		Examiner	Jerry L. Cumberledge
SHEET 1 OF 1		Attorney Docket No.	VLINK.002DV2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) Example: 1,234,567 B1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	5,484,418	01/1996	Quiachon et al.	
	2	5,792,106	08/1998	Mische	
	3	5,840,059	11/1998	March et al.	
	4	5,879,713	03/1999	Roth et al.	

3103989
111006

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

T¹ - Place a check mark in this area when an English language Translation is attached.